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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECTION PARA 1)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, MO

SUBJECT: DOWNPAYMENT ON FMS CASES

REF: STATE 146683

1. WE ARE FRANKLY MYSTIFIED BY INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THERE WAS A BIT OF A LOGJAM ON DOWNPAYMENTS HERE EARLY LAST MONTH. WE WENT TO FINANCE MINISTER AT THAT TIME WHO ASSURED US POLICY DECISIONHAD BEEN TAKEN SOME TIME BACK AND IF THERE WERE ANY FAILURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH DOWNPAYMENTS THIS MUST BE SIMPLY MATTER OF PROA CEDURAL DELAYS. ON SPOT AND IN OUR PRESENCE, FINANCE MINISTER PHONED APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ORDERED THAT PAYMENT BE MADE FORTHWITH.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FROM U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND PARALLELING REFTEL, MUSLO CHECKED ON JUNE 20 WITH M'NEBHI, CHIEF, FINANCIAL DIVISION, ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. M'NEBHI REPLIED THAT ON MAY 16, NATIONAL DEFENSE DIRECTED BANK OF MOROCCO TO MAKE NECESSARY DOWNPAYMENTS ON 13 FMS CASES.

3. WE SHALL CHECK FURTHER TO FIND OUT WHERE THESE FUNDS
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GOT DERAILLED. APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ANOTHER CHECK AT

YOUR END TO SEE IF HOLDUP OCCURRED SOMEWHERE ON YOUR
SIDE OF OCEAN.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, AMBASSADOR INTENDS SEE MINISTER OF
PALACE PROTOCOL OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL
LATER THIS WEEK TO SMOKE OUT GOM INTENTIONS REGARDING
DEPSECDEF VISIT. OUR ATTEMPTS TO GARNER MEANINGFUL
INFO ON LOWER LEVELS HAVE SO FAR BEEN AS UNSUCCESSFUL AS
YOURS. WE SHALL OF COURSE LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE
HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT.

5. SINCE FOREGOING DRAFTED WE HAVE AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH
WITH M'NEBHI WHO ASSURED US THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS
KNOWLEDGE FUNDS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN TRANSFERRED
TO BANK IN U.S. HE IS CHECKING FURTHER AND HOPES HAVE
CONFIRMATION VERY SOON.

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